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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/508,658	KROHN ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 March 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 27,36 and 37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 27,36 and 37 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                    4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                    Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_ .  
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_ .                    5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_ .

**DETAILED ACTION**

1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

The specification is objected to as it appears to designate an incorrect codon (“K42E”) for the mutation shown at Figure 3C. The specification teaches that SEQ ID NO: 1 is the Aire-1 transcript (see sequence listing). The specification teaches that 2 mutations (see Figure 3) were found in the Aire-1 transcript (page 14, lines 4-5). At figure 3C, the substitution of an “A” to a “G” corresponds to position 383 of SEQ ID NO: 1, which does not occur at codon 42 but rather at codon 83 (see previous office action and SEQ ID NO: 1 for designation of start codon). Accordingly, the designation of “K42E” appears inconsistent with the data provided in the specification. To overcome this objection applicant is requested to provide evidence that the error was a typographical error and not the result of inconsistent data, in the form of a declaration for the written record, and amend the specification to reflect the correct codon so as to be consistent with the data in figure 3. Should applicant find that the error was not typographical in nature, but reflects inconsistencies in data, prosecution on the merits will be reopened to address instant claim 37.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Jehanne Sitton whose telephone number is (571) 272-

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0752. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Thursday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ram Shukla, can be reached on (571) 272-0735. The fax phone number for this Group is (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to (571) 272-0547.

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